

SMPAC
(Arizona State Migrant Education Parent Advisory Council)
Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2013

I. Call to order

President Verónica Hernández called to order the regular meeting of the SMPAC meeting at 1:00 PM on September 17, 2013 at the Arizona State Migrant Education Program Conference.

II. Roll call

President Verónica Hernández conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: President Verónica Hernández, Vice-President Francisca Esparza, Secretary Olivia Bermúdez, ADE-MEP Director Ralph Romero, ADE-MEP Education Program Specialists Raquel Alvara, Dave Anderson, and Stephanie Berry-Olivas, ADE-MEP ID&R Coordinator Mary Haluska, and other MEP parents.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

No minutes from the last meeting.

IV. Open issues

- a) Arizona Common Core Standards/ Sarah Galetti, from ADE, provided information to the parents regarding the Common Core Standards and the new changes that were taking place in subject areas of English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. Information was provided regarding what type of curriculum and objectives the different subject areas have. AIMS was also explained, and the speaker also provided information about the upcoming changings regarding testing to reflect the Common Core Standards.

V. New business

- a) Robert's Rules of Order/ Ralph Romero, MEP State Director, welcomed all parents. He explained the structure of the Migrant Education Parent Advisory Council and how the legal requirement requires for meetings to be conducted in English. She explained the necessity of local leadership of parents to represent any educational issues that migrant families have since those issues can be discussed and resolved through the SMPAC meetings.

Raquel Alvara, SMPAC Coordinator, went over Robert's Rules of Order to orient SMPAC members on how to conduct meetings.

- b) Mock Meeting/ Ralph Romero, State MEP Director, went through a mock meeting with parent members to show them the structure that each meeting should have. Raquel Alvara also reiterated the importance for parents continuing to meet throughout the year in order to share, learn and discuss any issues regarding their children's education.

VI. Adjournment

President Verónica Hernández adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Olivia Bermúdez

Minutes approved by: [Name]